

*Please provide the following information, and submit to the NOAA DM Plan Repository.*

**Reference to Master DM Plan (if applicable)**

*As stated in Section IV, Requirement 1.3, DM Plans may be hierarchical. If this DM Plan inherits provisions from a higher-level DM Plan already submitted to the Repository, then this more-specific Plan only needs to provide information that differs from what was provided in the Master DM Plan.*

URL of higher-level DM Plan (if any) as submitted to DM Plan Repository:

**1. General Description of Data to be Managed****1.1. Name of the Data, data collection Project, or data-producing Program:**

Delaware / New Jersey / Pennsylvania 2014 ESI MARINE MAMMALS Polygons

**1.2. Summary description of the data:**

This data set contains sensitive biological resource data for seals, whales, dolphins, and porpoises in marine and tidal waters of Delaware, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Vector polygons in this data set represent marine mammal distribution, and haul-out sites. Species specific abundance, seasonality, status, life history, and source information are stored in relational data tables (described below) designed to be used in conjunction with this spatial data layer. This data set comprises a portion of the ESI data for Delaware/New Jersey/Pennsylvania. ESI data characterize the marine and coastal environments and wildlife by their sensitivity to spilled oil. The ESI data include information for three main components: shoreline habitats, sensitive biological resources, and human-use resources.

**1.3. Is this a one-time data collection, or an ongoing series of measurements?**

One-time data collection

**1.4. Actual or planned temporal coverage of the data:**

2013 to 2014

**1.5. Actual or planned geographic coverage of the data:**

W: -75.75, E: -74.0377, N: 40.2501, S: 38.375

This reflects the extent of all land and water features included in the overall Delaware Bay (Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania) 2014 ESI study region. The bounding box for this particular feature class may vary depending on occurrences identified and mapped.

**1.6. Type(s) of data:**

*(e.g., digital numeric data, imagery, photographs, video, audio, database, tabular data, etc.)*  
Map (digital)

**1.7. Data collection method(s):**

*(e.g., satellite, airplane, unmanned aerial system, radar, weather station, moored buoy, research vessel, autonomous underwater vehicle, animal tagging, manual surveys,*

*enforcement activities, numerical model, etc.)*

**1.8. If data are from a NOAA Observing System of Record, indicate name of system:**

**1.8.1. If data are from another observing system, please specify:**

**2. Point of Contact for this Data Management Plan (author or maintainer)**

**2.1. Name:**

ESI Program Manager

**2.2. Title:**

Metadata Contact

**2.3. Affiliation or facility:**

**2.4. E-mail address:**

orr.esi@noaa.gov

**2.5. Phone number:**

**3. Responsible Party for Data Management**

*Program Managers, or their designee, shall be responsible for assuring the proper management of the data produced by their Program. Please indicate the responsible party below.*

**3.1. Name:**

ESI Program Manager

**3.2. Title:**

Data Steward

**4. Resources**

*Programs must identify resources within their own budget for managing the data they produce.*

**4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?**

**4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management (specify percentage or "unknown"):**

**5. Data Lineage and Quality**

*NOAA has issued Information Quality Guidelines for ensuring and maximizing the quality, objectivity, utility, and integrity of information which it disseminates.*

### 5.1. Processing workflow of the data from collection or acquisition to making it publicly accessible

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Lineage Statement:

For each species, the mapping extent was dependent upon information availability and location of mapped coastal habitats and shorelines. Two main sources of data were used to depict marine mammal distribution and seasonality for this data layer: 1) personal interviews with resource experts from Marine Education, Research, and Rehabilitation Institute (MERR), Marine Mammal Stranding Center, NOAA Fisheries (NERO), Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Control (DNREC), New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Division of Fish and Wildlife (NJDEP); and 2) numerous published and unpublished reports.

Process Steps:

- 2014-03-01 00:00:00 - Marine mammals depicted in this atlas include whales, dolphins, porpoises, and seals. Bottlenose dolphins and seals are the only species likely to occur regularly in inshore areas and in bays. Bottlenose dolphins may be abundant from March through October. While four species of seals (e.g., gray, harbor, harp, and hooded) may be observed in DE and NJ waters from October through May, harbor seals are by far the most commonly observed. Gray and harp seals are occasionally observed while hooded seals are very rarely observed. Important haul-out sites for harbor seals in DE occur at Cape Henlopen and the breakwaters (other species of seals may occur here as well), and Mispillion River mouth and breakwaters (gray and harp seals possible as well). Seals may be hauled-out on Atlantic and Delaware Bay beaches throughout DE and they occur in the DE Inland Bays. The most important harbor seal haul-out in the study area in NJ occurs in Great Bay (up to 155 seals). Other smaller, but reliable haulouts include: Barnegat Inlet, Brigantine Inlet, and the mouth of the Mullica River. Besides the NJ haul-outs mentioned, harbor seals may be present and/or hauling-out in appropriate habitats throughout Barnegat Bay, Great Bay, Absecon Bay, Great Egg Harbor Bay, Hereford Inlet, and other NJ bays and channels within reasonable proximity to inlets. Other species of cetaceans that may occur in DE and/or NJ State waters and/or Federal waters that were mapped in this atlas include: harbor porpoise, short-beaked common dolphin, striped dolphin, fin whale (state and federally endangered), humpback whale (state and federally endangered), and north Atlantic right whale (state and federally endangered). Other species of cetaceans have been reported via stranding data or other observations, but are not included due to their relative rarity of occurrence within the mapped "Area of Interest" (AOI) for this atlas. The above digital and/or hardcopy sources were compiled by the project biologist to create the MARINE MAMMALS data layer. Depending on the type of source data, three general approaches are used for compiling the data layer: 1) information gathered during initial interviews and from hardcopy sources are compiled onto U. S. Geological Survey 1:45,000 topographic quadrangles and digitized; 2) hardcopy maps are digitized at their source scale; 3) digital data layers are evaluated and used "as is" or integrated with the hardcopy data sources. See the Lineage section

for additional information on the type of source data for this data layer. The ESI, biology, and human-use data are compiled into the standard ESI digital data format. A second set of interviews with participating resource experts are conducted to review the compiled data. If necessary, edits to the MARINE MAMMALS data layer are made based on the recommendations of the resource experts, and final hardcopy maps and digital data are created.

**5.1.1. If data at different stages of the workflow, or products derived from these data, are subject to a separate data management plan, provide reference to other plan:**

**5.2. Quality control procedures employed (describe or provide URL of description):**

## **6. Data Documentation**

*The EDMC Data Documentation Procedural Directive requires that NOAA data be well documented, specifies the use of ISO 19115 and related standards for documentation of new data, and provides links to resources and tools for metadata creation and validation.*

**6.1. Does metadata comply with EDMC Data Documentation directive?**

No

**6.1.1. If metadata are non-existent or non-compliant, please explain:**

Missing/invalid information:

- 1.7. Data collection method(s)
- 4.1. Have resources for management of these data been identified?
- 4.2. Approximate percentage of the budget for these data devoted to data management
- 5.2. Quality control procedures employed
- 7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?
- 7.1.1. If data are not available or has limitations, has a Waiver been filed?
- 7.1.2. If there are limitations to data access, describe how data are protected
- 7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination
- 8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location
- 8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility
- 8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?

**6.2. Name of organization or facility providing metadata hosting:**

NMFS Office of Science and Technology

**6.2.1. If service is needed for metadata hosting, please indicate:**

**6.3. URL of metadata folder or data catalog, if known:**

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/inport/item/55240>

#### **6.4. Process for producing and maintaining metadata**

*(describe or provide URL of description):*

Metadata produced and maintained in accordance with the NOAA Data Documentation Procedural Directive: [https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC\\_PD-Data\\_Documentation\\_v1.pdf](https://nosc.noaa.gov/EDMC/DAARWG/docs/EDMC_PD-Data_Documentation_v1.pdf)

### **7. Data Access**

*NAO 212-15 states that access to environmental data may only be restricted when distribution is explicitly limited by law, regulation, policy (such as those applicable to personally identifiable information or protected critical infrastructure information or proprietary trade information) or by security requirements. The EDMC Data Access Procedural Directive contains specific guidance, recommends the use of open-standard, interoperable, non-proprietary web services, provides information about resources and tools to enable data access, and includes a Waiver to be submitted to justify any approach other than full, unrestricted public access.*

#### **7.1. Do these data comply with the Data Access directive?**

**7.1.1. If the data are not to be made available to the public at all, or with limitations, has a Waiver (Appendix A of Data Access directive) been filed?**

**7.1.2. If there are limitations to public data access, describe how data are protected from unauthorized access or disclosure:**

#### **7.2. Name of organization of facility providing data access:**

Office of Response and Restoration (ORR)

##### **7.2.1. If data hosting service is needed, please indicate:**

##### **7.2.2. URL of data access service, if known:**

[https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/esi\\_download](https://response.restoration.noaa.gov/esi_download)

#### **7.3. Data access methods or services offered:**

Data can be accessed by downloading the zipped ArcGIS geodatabase from the Download URL (see Distribution Information). Questions can be directed to the ESI Program Manager (Point Of Contact).

#### **7.4. Approximate delay between data collection and dissemination:**

**7.4.1. If delay is longer than latency of automated processing, indicate under what authority data access is delayed:**

**8. Data Preservation and Protection**

*The NOAA Procedure for Scientific Records Appraisal and Archive Approval describes how to identify, appraise and decide what scientific records are to be preserved in a NOAA archive.*

**8.1. Actual or planned long-term data archive location:**

*(Specify NCEI-MD, NCEI-CO, NCEI-NC, NCEI-MS, World Data Center (WDC) facility, Other, To Be Determined, Unable to Archive, or No Archiving Intended)*

**8.1.1. If World Data Center or Other, specify:****8.1.2. If To Be Determined, Unable to Archive or No Archiving Intended, explain:****8.2. Data storage facility prior to being sent to an archive facility (if any):**

Office of Response and Restoration - Seattle, WA

**8.3. Approximate delay between data collection and submission to an archive facility:****8.4. How will the data be protected from accidental or malicious modification or deletion prior to receipt by the archive?**

*Discuss data back-up, disaster recovery/contingency planning, and off-site data storage relevant to the data collection*

**9. Additional Line Office or Staff Office Questions**

*Line and Staff Offices may extend this template by inserting additional questions in this section.*